

For Sale.

FOR SALE.
CHAMPAGNE, Adolphe Collins and L. Jauvray & Co's Association Vintners.
OLARET, real Chateau Margaux.
Haut Bages.
BRANDY, Hennessy's and Martell's in 1 dozen cases.
BEER and PORTER in bottle.
BUTTER (Platte) in kegs.
A quantity of Iron COLUMNS, Yellow METAL, 20/28 oz. with NAILS.
Apply to
DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, December 11, 1867.

HENDRIE, PIERS & LUDIS's Fine Assortment of PERFUMES.
Also,
Dawson & Sons' BOOTS.
For Sale, at greatly Reduced Prices, by
JULES EUZIERE,
Hair Dressing Room, Up-stairs,
Hongkong, December 4, 1867.

FOR SALE.
MUNTZ'S Patent Yellow METAL SHEATHING, from 20 to 24 oz., Composition NAILS, Brown Sheathing FELT.
LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co.
Hongkong, February 22, 1868.

EX MAIL STEAMER.
LYON SAUVAGE in best condition.
GIBBS and HAMS.
Assorted French CONFECTIONARY.
MAGAZINE RAISINS in bottles and tins.
ALMONDS in shells.
Peeled ALMONDS in tins.
Eleme FIGS in tins.
PRUNES in bottle.
Smoked Pomeranian GOOSEBREASTS.
at
LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co.
Hongkong, December 20, 1867.

SOCIAL LIFE OF THE CHINESE.
In 2 Volumes, by Revd. JUSTUS DOOLITTLE, is For Sale at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai.
Price, \$5.00.
Hongkong, March 20, 1868. 20mar-68

FOR SALE.
YELLOW METAL and NAILS, 18 to 24 oz.
Superior OLARET, St. PIERRE, 1862.
Superior CHAMPAGNE, H. PIERRE & Co., carte blanche.
SPIRITS OF WINE, in Boxes of 1 doz. Bottles.
RAYNAL & Co.
Hongkong, October 1, 1866.

FOR SALE.
YELLOW METAL, 18 to 28 oz. Muntz and Vintners.
JOHN BURD & Co.
Hongkong, April 5, 1866.

FOR SALE.
Just Arrived.
BROADWOOD'S Grand PIANOS, may be had at Wholesale Price.
Address "A," Office of this paper,
Hongkong, December 31, 1867.

STEAM COALS.
For Sale from Store, or deliverable on Board.
ENGLISH—Londonerry West Hartley.
Dawson's West Hartley, Straker's, West Hartley.
WELSH—Blaengware Marthyr.
Apply to ROBERT S. WALKER & Co.
Hongkong, March 16, 1868.

NOTICE.
HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SALE.
THE Hulk CELESTIAL, as she now lies at Aberdeen, in good order, well found, and suitable for a floating store or residence.
For particulars, apply to
JNO. S. LAPRAIK,
Secretary.
Hongkong, March 16, 1868.

FOR SALE.
Es Late Arrivals.
PRIME California CHEESE,
Do. Gruyere Do.
Do. California BUTTER.
100 barrels Prime Hamburg MEAT PORK.
Prime Westphalia HAMS, at
LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co.
Hongkong, December 20, 1867.

FOR SALE.
A FEW cases of very superior SHERRY, just received at "Channel Queen."
H. Superior Amontillado SHERRY
V.S.A. in 3 doz. cases.
H. Superior Oloroso SHERRY in 3 doz. cases.
H. Extra Superfine SHERRY in 2 doz. cases.
H. Quarter-casks (cased) Superior Oloroso SHERRY.
Apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, January 27, 1868.

FOR SALE BY THE UNDERSIGNED.
HARMONIUMS and other Musical INSTRUMENTS.
Christy Minstrel's SONGS. Pianoforte OPERAS.
VIOLIN and other STRINGS, &c., &c. INSTRUMENTS tuned and repaired.
C. WAGNER,
23, Hollywood Road.
Hongkong, August 2, 1867. 2au-68

IN-FRANCIS.
MERCHANTS' MUTUAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, SAN FRANCISCO.

PAID UP CAPITAL, \$500,000.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong and China for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies at Current Rates.
OLYFANT & Co.
Hongkong, August 9, 1867.

SUN FIRE OFFICE.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Office, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, on the usual Terms and Conditions.
Risks will also be accepted at the following Ports—
Canton, by Messrs DEACON & Co.
Macao, by E. L. LANGE, Esq.
Amoy, by Messrs BOYD & Co.
Punichau, by Messrs KINNEAR & Co.
Full particulars of Rates, &c., may be obtained on application to
ADAM SCOTT & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, May 22, 1866.

Insurances.

NOTICE.
THE following Resolutions having reference to Insurance in Hongkong, adopted at a Meeting in London of the various Fire Insurance Companies represented in Hongkong and by the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, are circulated for general information:—

1st.—That in future, the rates for short periods be calculated as follows:
Not exceeding one month, 1/2 of the annual rate.
Above one month and not exceeding three months, 2/3 " " "
Above three months and not exceeding six months, 3/4 " " "
Above six months, the full Annual Rate.
2nd.—That Petroleum and its Products should be stored by themselves in buildings constructed in conformity with the following regulations:
"The Building to be of Ground Floor only, constructed of Brick or Stone, with Tile, Slate or Metal roof, such roof to have apertures for the purpose of ventilation, the whole of such building, to be sunk at least two feet below the surface of the ground, or street, or in the event of the floor not being sunk, then, any openings in the walls of said building to be built up to the height of at least three feet above the level of the road or street, in order to prevent the petroleum, &c. flowing out of the building in case of fire.
3rd.—That Saltpetre and Nitrates should be stored in like manner in buildings of substantial structure (without internal wood work) appropriated exclusively to such articles.
4th.—That the rate for the foregoing articles be not less than (2%) two per cent. per annum.
5th.—That Gunpowder should be stored in some fitting place either on shore or in the Bay, under proper Regulations, and at sufficient distance from all other property.
6th.—That a clause be inserted in every policy covering ordinary goods, declaring that Petroleum and its products, Saltpetre, Nitrates and Gunpowder, are not deposited therein.
7th.—That the foregoing regulations regarding the storage of goods do come into operation on and after the 6th July next.
8th.—That no Insurances on Chinese Houses shall in future be taken at a lower rate than (2%) two and a half per cent. per annum.
Hongkong, April 6, 1868.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents, Alliance Fire Insurance Company, and General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents China Fire Insurance Company, Imperial Fire Insurance Company, Phoenix Assurance Company, Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company.
R. S. WALKER & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company of Liverpool.
ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents, Lancashire Insurance Company.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents, London Assurance Corporation, Queen Fire Insurance Company, Manchester Fire Insurance Company.
GILMAN & Co.,
Agents, North British and Mercantile Insurance Company.
TURNER & Co.,
Agents, Northern Assurance Company.
WM. PUNTAU & Co.,
Agents for the Hamburg and Bremen Fire Insurance Companies.
ADAM SCOTT & Co., (in Liquidation),
Agents, Sun Fire Office.
RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents, Pacific Insurance Company of San Francisco.
ALFRED WILKINSON & Co.,
Agents, Guardian Assurance Company.
Per pro the Borneo Company, Limited,
JOHN FRASER,
Agents, Commercial Union Insurance Company.
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HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
NOTICE.
FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged for Short Period Insurances, viz:—
Not exceeding one month, 1/2 of the Annual Rate.
Above one month and not exceeding three months, 2/3 " " "
Above three months and not exceeding six months, 3/4 " " "
Above six months, the full Annual Rate.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company.
Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

ALLIANCE FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.
NOTICE.
FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged for Short Period Insurances, viz:—
Not exceeding one month, 1/2 of the Annual Rate.
Above one month and not exceeding three months, 2/3 " " "
Above three months and not exceeding six months, 3/4 " " "
Above six months, the full Annual Rate.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company.
Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.
Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.
ESTABLISHED 1800.
CAPITAL £2,000,000.
ANNUAL REVENUE £249,293.
THE Undersigned Agents at Hongkong for the above Company are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same.
GILMAN & Co.
Hongkong, June 27, 1864.

REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM.
UNTIL further notice the following Annual Rates will be charged for Fire Insurance, viz:—
Not exceeding 1 month, 1/2 of the annual rate.
Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months, 2/3 do.
Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months, 3/4 do.
Above 6 months, the full annual rate.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents, Imperial Fire Insurance Company.
Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

IMPERIAL FIRE OFFICE.
FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged for Short Period Insurances, viz:—
Not exceeding 1 month, 1/2 of the annual rate.
Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months, 2/3 do.
Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months, 3/4 do.
Above 6 months, the full annual rate.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents, Imperial Fire Insurance Company.
Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

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Agents, Imperial Fire Insurance Company.
Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

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Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

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Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

Insurances.

NOTICE.
NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.
FROM and after this date the following Rates will be charged in Short Period Insurances, viz:—
Not exceeding one month, 1/2 of the annual rate.
Above one month, and not exceeding 3 months, 2/3 " " "
Above 3 months, and not exceeding 6 months, 3/4 " " "
Above 6 months, the full Annual rate.
GILMAN & Co.,
Agents, North British and Mercantile Insurance Company.
Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.
REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM.
DETACHED and Semi-detached Dwelling-Houses removed from the Town, and their Contents, 1/2 per cent.
Other Dwelling-Houses used strictly as such, and their Contents, 1/2 per cent.
Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c. and their Contents, 1 per cent.
GILMAN & Co.,
Agents, North British and Mercantile Insurance Company.
Hongkong, March 9, 1866.

THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.
CAPITAL—TWO MILLION STERLING.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above named Company are prepared to grant Policies against Fire, either at this Port, or at Macao, Canton or Whampoa, to the extent of £15,000, in any one Risk upon Buildings or Merchandise, on the usual terms.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, June 8, 1867.

NOTICE.
QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE following Rates will be charged in future for short period Insurances, viz:—
Not exceeding 1 month, 1/2 per cent.
Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months, 2/3 do.
Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months, 3/4 do.
Above 6 months, the full annual rate.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, April 8, 1868.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents of the above Corporation are prepared to grant Fire and Marine Insurance on the usual Terms.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, December 26, 1867.

LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION.
THE following rates will in future be charged for Short Period Insurances, viz:—
One month, 1/2 per cent.
Three months, 2/3 " " "
Six months, 3/4 " " "
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Hongkong, April 7, 1868.

NOTICE.
MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.
THE following Rates will be charged in future for short period Insurances, viz:—
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Agents.
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Insurances.

BOMBAY INSURANCE COMPANY AND FORBES & CO.'S CONSTITUENTS INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Companies are prepared to accept Risks on the usual terms.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, February 26, 1868.

ALBERT LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.
ESTABLISHED 1838.
CAPITAL, £500,000.
Managing Agents in China, — Messrs AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co., Hongkong, Medical Referee, — J. IVOR MURRAY, Esq., M.D.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Managing Agents for the above Company are prepared to accept risks and issue Policies on Life Assurances.
For further particulars, forms of proposals, &c., apply to
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
Managing Agents in China.
Hongkong, June, 1867.

OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.
LONDON.
Incorporated 1859.
CAPITAL—£1,000,000.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company are prepared to accept Marine risks and issue Policies at current rates.
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
Hongkong, June 6, 1867.

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Marine Risks at current rates.
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
Hongkong, March 6, 1868.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.
FIRE AND LIFE.
CAPITAL, £2,000,000.
(LIFE DEPARTMENT.)
£2 per cent. per annum Bonus declared during the last Fifteen Years on All Profit participating Policies of Two Years' standing.
The utmost liberality practised in the settlement of all Claims, with the representatives of deceased Assureds.
An Assurance for any sum not exceeding £1000 can be effected with the Undersigned without referring to Head-quarters.
By special authority of the Board, Claims are settled at once by the Undersigned without reference to England.
Fees to Medical Referees paid by the Company.
No forfeiture of Policy from unintentional mis-statement.
Premiums payable Half-yearly or Annually at the option of the Assured.
Annual Premiums for an Assurance of £100 for the whole term of Life, including £2 10s. per cent. for Foreign Risk, which will be deducted during a visit to or a permanent resident in Europe.

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Premiums payable Half-yearly or Annually at the option of the Assured.
Annual Premiums for an Assurance of £100 for the whole term of Life, including £2 10s. per cent. for Foreign Risk, which will be deducted during a visit to or a permanent resident in Europe.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.
FIRE AND LIFE.
CAPITAL, £2,000,000.
(LIFE DEPARTMENT.)
£2 per cent. per annum Bonus declared during the last Fifteen Years on All Profit participating Policies of Two Years' standing.
The utmost liberality practised in the settlement of all Claims, with the representatives of deceased Assureds.
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Insurances.

NOTICE.

ARDIAN FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

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Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. A. D. MICHON in our Firm, ceased on the 31st day of December, 1867.
A. FERGUSON & Co.
Hongkong, January 3, 1868.

NOTICE.
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. W. G. Vax Court in our Firm, ceased on the 1st January, 1868.
HOSMAN & Co.
Hongkong, November 19, 1867.

I have this day established myself as a General Commission Merchant under the style or firm of VAN OORDT & Co.
(Sd.)
W. C. VAN OORDT.
Yokohama, October 24, 1867.

NOTICE.
MY Business, as Ship and Insurance Broker, Commission Agent, &c. hitherto carried on by myself, will henceforward be conducted under the style or firm of J. S. HOOK, Son & Co.
J. S. HOOK.
Hongkong, September 23, 1867.

NOTICE.
AS my Engagement ceases in May next, all outstanding Accounts for the past Two Years must be sent in immediately for payment.
MARY HASTLOW RANDLE,
Superintendent.
Diocesan School,
Hongkong, January 2, 1868. 16my

NOTICE.
I HAVE established myself at this Port as General Commission Merchant, under the style and firm of GIFFORD F. PARKER & Co.
GIFFORD FORBES PARKER.
Saigon, December 20, 1867.

NOTICE.
FROM and after this date, Captain J. C. SANDERS will undertake the Business of my Marine Surveying at this Port.
H. J. DING,
Marine Surveyor.
Fochow, August 1, 1867.

NOTICE.
WITH reference to the above, the business hitherto carried on by H. J. DING, Esq. at Fochow will be conducted by the undersigned.
J. C. SANDERS,
Chop Min,
Fochow.

NOTICE.
I HAVE this day established myself at this Port as a Public Tea Inspector and General Commission Agent under the style or firm of JOHN ODELL & Co.
JOHN ODELL.
Fochow, April 13, 1868. 16jul

HOBBINS & Co.,
PUBLIC AUCTIONEERS, SHIPPING AND GENERAL BROKERS,
AND
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
Kobe, Hirodo, Japan.

NOTICE.
MR. SIDNEY DEACON is authorized to sign our Firm per procuration from this date.
DEACON & Co.
Canton, February 1, 1868.

NOTICE.
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. EDWIN MARINEZ and Mr. JAMES WHEATLEY in our Firm, ceased on 30th April last, and Mr. FERGUSON & Co. and Mr. LORRARD KAHN are this day admitted as Partners.
REISS & Co.
China and Japan, May 1, 1868. junl

NOTICE.
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. EDWARD HALTON in our Firm, ceased on the 30th June last, and Mr. JAMES PETER DUNSTON was admitted a Partner on the 1st July.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, January 11, 1868. 1-w

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I HAVE established myself at this Port as a General Storekeeper and Commission Agent.
JAMES EDWARDS.
89, Yokohama, March 19, 1868.

NOTICE.
MR. RYLE HOLME has been admitted a partner in our Firm.
GLOVER & Co.
Nagasaki, January 1, 1867.

NOTICE.
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. RICHARD B. PARR in our Firm, ceased on the 31st March, 1868.
ALFRED WILKINSON & Co.
Hongkong, April 16, 1868. 30jan

NOTICE.
MR. BENJAMIN ROBERT STANFORD was admitted a Partner in our Firm on 1st January, 1868.
J. McDONALD & Co.,
Shipwrights.
Hongkong, May 1, 1868. lag

NOTICE.
THE connection of the undersigned with the Firm of Messrs. THOS. HUNT & Co. ceases from this date.
J. M. ARMSTRONG.
Hongkong, May 1, 1868.

NOTICE.
MR. J. MURRAY FORBES is authorized to sign our name at Canton from this date.
RUSSELL & Co.
China, February 16, 1868.

NOTICE.
FROM and after this date Mr. GEORGE F. BOWMAN will act as AGENT of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company at this Port.
S. L. PHELPS,
Agent.
Hongkong, August 15, 1867.

TO LET.
THE Premises situated in Queen's Road, Stanley Street, and at present occupied by Messrs. H. MARSH & Co.
For particulars, apply to
LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co.
Hongkong, 5th September, 1867.

TO LET.
A HOUSE in Spring Gardens, containing four Rooms and Out Houses; Rent, \$28 per month.
Apply at the Victoria Foundry,
Hongkong, March 12, 1868.

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TURNER & Co.
Hongkong, February 8, 1868.

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Hongkong, January 24, 1868.

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LIGHTHOUSE and STORAGE.
THE Undersigned will undertake to land Cotton, Rice, Coals, and other Merchandise, in their own Boats, and to receive the same on STORAGE in First-class Granite godowns, on Moderate Terms.
ROB. S. WALKER & Co.
Hongkong, March 4, 1866.

New Advertisements.
STEAM TO CANTON.
The Steamship
"CALEDONIA"
will run at Night on the Canton River, leaving Hongkong from Messrs. RUSSELL & Co.'s Wharf, opposite Messrs. BOSMAN & Co.'s Office, every Sunday, at 7 P.M., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, at 5 P.M., and from Canton, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 5 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
Capt. G. STEWART,
On Board.
Hongkong, May 9, 1868.

BOWRA & Co. will sell by Public Auction, on
MONDAY,
11th May, 1868, at 11 o'clock a.m., at their Sales Rooms—
Household FURNITURE, WARDROBES, Dining TABLES, Chest DRAWERS, Bagatelle TABLES, Silver WATCHES, GLASSWARE, PICTURES, &c., &c.
A 4-oreed Canton-built OUTER.
A House BOAT with Sails and Oars complete.
A Lady's Sedan CHAIR.
A Park PHAETON.
Also,
Sundry EFFECTS, belonging to Persons Deceased.
(By order of the Official Administrator.)
And,
A variety of other ARTICLES.
Terms of SALE—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.
Hongkong, May 9, 1868. 11my

PUBLIC AUCTION.
GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.
LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co. will sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,
the 12th May, 1868, at Noon, at their Sales Rooms, Queen's Road—
An Invoice of Rimmel's Perfumery, consisting of: Essences and Scents in Cut Glass Bottles, Eau de Cologne, Hair Oil, Lavender Water, Pomatins, Fancy Toilet Soap.
1 case containing Files and Chisels, 45 gross Bryant and May's Vesuvians, 50 piculs Coffee (prime quality), 50 piculs Cocoa nut Oil, 5 cases Cheddar Loaf Cheese, 10 cases Wether'spoon's Confectionery, 10 American Platform Scales (lb. 400 to 1,000), 12 cases Carabines, 15 cases Long Muskets, 2,000 flasks 3 F Gunpowder, 30 drums Boiled Linseed Oil, 50 cases Gin, 50 cases Claret (Chateau Margaux), 40 cases quarts Pale Ale, 18 cases quarts Champagne, 25 cases Pollock's Vienna Champagne, 150 dozen Linen Handkerchiefs, 48 dozen Silk Handkerchiefs, 40 pieces Linen, 20 pieces Chintz, 15 pieces Black Alpaca, 20 pieces Assorted Colors Bannings, 20 Opera Glasses, 1 case Dawson's Boots, 50 bolts No. 1 Imperial Navy Canvas.
TERMS OF SALE—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.
Hongkong, May 9, 1868. 12my

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON.
NOTICE.
THE Office of the above Society is REMOVED to the Premises situated at Fadder's Wharf, lately occupied by Messrs. AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
ROBERT WATMORE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, May 9, 1868. 9jun

JOHN THOMPSON & Co.,
DISPENSING & ANALYTICAL CHEMISTS,
AND
SODA WATER MANUFACTURERS.
Ships' Medicine Chests supplied and refilled.
INTERNATIONAL DISPENSARY,
23, Wellington Street,
Hongkong, May 9, 1868.

FOR SALE.
Ex Late Arrivals.
Per WEMYSS CASTLE and BLACK PRINCE.
BASS & Co.'s Pale Ale in quarts. Aromatic BITTERS, superior quality. Royal & Co.'s BRANDY, Martell's Extra.
A few cases of really superior Dinner SHERRY.
CHAMPAGNE, Ay Mousseux, B. E. Perrier.
Breakfast and Dinner CLARET.
STRAWBERRY, Raspberry, Kobs, Lemon, Cherry, Currant, Orgeat, Prime Graysen CHEESE, MACAO RONI and VERMICELLI, FRUITS in Jars.
AUDE TARTARIC.
G. DUBOST & Co.
Hongkong, May 9, 1868. 9jun

FOR SALE.
A White LEAD and White ZINC PAINT, also Turpentine and Pale Boiled Linseed OIL.
And a small Invoice of Patent Safety MATCHES.
Apply to
BLUM BROTHERS & Co.
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2o—De différents articles de matériel naval, matieres grasses, torles, quincaillerie &c.
Hongkong, 2 Mai 1868.
Le Consul de France,
1-a-w 2jun HENRY DU CHESNE.

KÖNIGLICH PREUSSISCHES CONSULAT.
HONGKONG, den 6ten April, 1868.
Die nachstehende Bekanntmachung des Königlich Preussischen General Consuls zu Schanghai bringt hiedurch zur Kunde der Unterthanen der Norddeutschen Bundesstaaten.
J. MENKE,
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BEKANNTMACHUNG.
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THE following cases have been landed and stored at the risk and expense of the Consignees, who are requested to take immediate delivery.
Ex "Tiger," 6th December, 1867.
1 Basket Feathers
Ex "Domant," 7th January, 1868.
RT 531. 1 Case Paper.
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N C 1/8. 8 Cases Liquors.
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Ex "Tiger," 3rd May.
Do Rostang. 1 Parcel.
H A B 1269. 1 Case Photographs.
S B. 1 Case Photographs.
O. BERTRAND, Principal Agent.
Hongkong, May 7, 1868.

Notes & Queries on China & Japan.
Vol. 2, No. 4.
IS NOW READY.
Contents:
NOTES—Monkeys in Horse Stables—Curiosities of Chinese Etymology—Chinese Views respecting the date of Introduction of Buddhism—The Emperor Hung-wu, Marsden's error respecting him; The China Pine—Origin of Harlequin.
QUERIES—Chinese Work on Etiquette—Chinese abstention from Animal food—Cotton in China—Curious Chinese Superstition—Solo Shakes—Chinese method of Whitening Ivory—Gold Fish—Un-burial in China—Execution of women—The term Swardnak; Likenesses of Chinese Jeva.
REPLIES—Paintings at entrances of Mandarin yamuns; Coffins, Tombstones, and Mourning Cards—Chinese Actors—Hobrow ASS—From Kai-Fung-Foo—The Uigur—Advances of a Chinese General to the Caspian—Character on Chinese coins; Meaning of the term "Tang"; The words "Tang shan".
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NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.
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New Advertisements.

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POST-OFFICE NOTIFICATION.
[It is hereby notified for general information that the Scale of Progression of Weight, having the half-ounce for its unit has been extended to Letters posted in Hongkong, addressed to Tientsin, or Northern China, specially marked to be forwarded via Tientsin, and that henceforward the following Rates of Postage, which must be paid in advance, will be chargeable upon such Letters, viz:—
FOR A LETTER.
Not exceeding 1 ounce, 12 cents.
Above 1 ounce and not exceeding 1 ounce, 24 "
Above 1 ounce and not exceeding 1 ounce, 36 "
Above 1 ounce and not exceeding 2 ounces, 48 "
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F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.
General Post Office, Hongkong, February 6, 1868.

LATEST SHIPPING.
ARRIVALS.
May 8, Kehon, Dut. steamer, 80, Oort, Batavia via Singapore, April 11 and 23, Captain.
May 8, Amaranth, North German bark, 400, C. F. Fabens, Hamburg via Cuxhaven, Nov. 23 and Dec. 5, General.
May 9, Adventure, H. B. M. steamer, 1,793, Fras. G. Suttie, Yokohama, Hiogo, Nagasaki and Amoy, April 21, 23, May 2 and 7.
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PASSENGERS.
ARRIVED Per Amaranth, Messrs C. F. Bohm, and W. Peterson.
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CLEARED.
Cary and Jane, for Calao.
John Worster,

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compromised in the affair that we cannot suppose for a moment they will run the risk of exposure to interrogatories upon it.

In the *Pail Mail* of the 18th inst. appeared to following under the head of "Occasional Notes."

"Writing of the licensed gambling-houses at Hongkong, the correspondent of the *Times* says, 'Every Chinaman who has money—and I wonder who has not, is busy with the topic of conversation, and much interest is evinced at what the British Parliament will do on the vexed question of the licence. Whatever the effect of their legal sanction on the native population may be, there can be no doubt that it has done immense harm to the Europeans of the colony. Many a young man will have to lay his taste for play, and consequent ruin, at the door of the Hongkong gambling-houses. We pointed out last week that, according to a parliamentary paper lately published, these iniquitous establishments only exist at the will of the Colonial Minister—that no lease or other engagement justifies their further existence for a single day either in Hongkong or Heligoland, and that as soon as the Duke of Buckingham feels thoroughly ashamed that the British flag should be sullied by the sanction and protection it extends to licensed gambling, a single stroke of his pen will overturn the gambling tables at once and for ever.'"

"On the 20th appeared the following paper, setting the Editor right:—
"Sir,—Permit me to correct an important error in your 'Occasional Note' on the gambling tables in Heligoland and Hongkong. You say—'At Hongkong no contract has been entered into at all by anybody; but an ordinance passed by the Colonial Legislature for sanitary purposes empowers the Governor by his 18th clause to license and regulate gambling-houses in that colony.' The fact is that the ordinance (passed in June last) was promptly put into effect, and the mail which reached us on the 10th September last brought intelligence that the gambling monopoly had been let for twelve months to a Chinese contractor for the sum of 250,000 dollars. A month later twelve gambling houses were in full operation."

"The Parliamentary paper just published gives simply the fact of the Gambling Ordinance, as it is familiarly termed, but gives no information regarding the action of the Colonial Government regarding it—Yours, &c.,
H. M. W."

The correspondent of the *Pail Mail* writes, like ourselves, appears to have misapprehended the Hongkong gambling contract; for the *Daily Press* of that colony (a paper which, to the marvel of the public, has lent itself to the support of gambling), in its issue of the 1st ultimo, states distinctly that the monthly rent of the gambling farm has been reduced from 250,000 dollars per annum to 125,000 dollars. The whole affair is involved in the mystery which generally surrounds crooked and disreputable transactions.

So matters stand, so far as the London *Press* is concerned, it being almost unnecessary to state that the vice of gambling is viewed with so much popular disfavour here in England that no paper is likely to advocate or to tolerate it.

We extract the following reviews upon works issued from this office, under a pardonable feeling of satisfaction that the literary labours which have formed so important an adjunct to those of local journalism, have been appreciated in other parts of the world. With the reception our publications have experienced from all quarters, we have indeed good reason to be gratified.

ANGLO-CHINESE LITERATURE.

(*Melbourne Argus*, March 12, 1868.)

Twenty-seven years ago there was not a single European house on the island of Hongkong. It is now one of the busiest and most prosperous of the commercial entrepôts which British enterprise has established in the East. The island itself is nowhere more than nine miles long and four miles broad; and although it possesses a singularly varied flora, its soil is unproductive of anything that can minister to the wants of its population. It owes its wealth and importance to the establishment of a free port, and none else of the mercantile activity of this diminutive colony may be formed from the fact that eight banks flourish in its capital, and that it supports two daily papers, one of which is under the able management of a gentleman long and honourably identified with the press of this colony—Mr C. A. Saint, formerly of the *Mount Alexander Mail*; while another is edited by the brother of a gentleman equally well known in Victoria—the late Mr Frederick Simpson. But journalism does not constitute the only outlet for the literary ability of our countrymen at Hongkong, and the list of works quoted at the foot of this article shows that books of permanent interest, and periodicals devoted to other than ephemeral subjects, are written, published, and liberally patronised by the limited European population of the island. The volume descriptive of the treaty-ports of China and Japan is a handsomely-printed and substantially-bound tome of 700 pages, embellished with twenty-nine maps and plans; and is replete with copious information as to the history, topography, trade, produce, public institutions, social life, and local government of the open ports, nine-and-twenty in number of China and Japan; and the value of the information is greatly enhanced by an admirable index, by numerous tables showing the means and cost of transport between these countries and England, France, and America; and by a catalogue of all the books (other than philological) which have been published on China and Japan in the English language. It would be difficult to find so much serviceable knowledge compressed within the compass of a single volume as Mr Deunys has packed into this excellent guide and hand-book, and it is creditable to the topographical resources of the *China Mail* office that it should have turned out so well-printed and bulky a work.

Dr. Williams' *Commercial Guide*, which has gone through five editions, gives, textually, all the treaties which are now in force in China, Japan, and Siam; describes the numerous articles of import and export; details the tariffs on both; sets forth in English and Chinese the rules and regulations under which foreign trade is conducted; explains the various systems of currency, weights and measures, &c.; and has collected a mass of sailing directions for merchants trading to the eastern coast of

China, or the islands which stud the neighbouring seas. In view of the commercial relations already existing between Australia and the East, and of the trade which is likely to be opened up with Japan, Dr. Williams' book ought to be in active demand among the shipowners and exporters of Melbourne, to whom it may be confidently recommended for the accuracy and variety of the information it embodies.

Papers on China, is the title given to some tracts, pagged consecutively so as to be bound up in a volume of 300 pages when a sufficient number has been issued for that purpose. Each number consists of a royal octavo sheet, and is published monthly. The object of the publication appears to be the collection and preservation of such articles of general and permanent interest, and of exceptional literary ability, as find their way from time to time into the columns of the Chinese newspapers. Thus we have, in the two numbers before us, essays on the Mahomedans in China, on Confucius and the Chinese Classics, and on Ancestral Worship; together with papers on a Chinese Almanac, on the Grand Canal, on Coal, in the North, and other topics. From one of these articles we learn that the Government of China publishes an official *Gazette* daily in Peking, which seems to be about as truthful and as trustworthy as the French *Messenger*. It reports, among other things, the decisions of the *Comptoir*, a body possessing an appellate jurisdiction not unlike that of the Privy Council in England; and these show how imperfectly justice is administered wherever might comes into conflict with right. There is a capital description of the city of Tientsin, five years ago; and the writer incidentally corrects the vulgar error that China is the most thickly populated country in the world, by showing that while England has about 336 souls to every square mile of her surface, there are not more than 270 inhabitants to the square mile in China. He might have added that Belgium is much more densely peopled than England itself.

Notes and Queries on China and Japan, is, of course, the offspring of that literary museum which has been so useful to "the snappers up of unconsidered trifles," to students of rare and curious books, and to inquiring minds generally, in the mother country. Of more modest dimensions than its British prototype, the Hongkong edition adopts its salient features, and is not lacking in contributors. One of these, discussing the derivation of the word "Cathay," which first found its way into English literature in Sir John Mandeville's works, sets Tennyson right by reminding him that "a cycle of Cathay" so disparagingly compared with "fifty years of Europe," is only sixty years. Another annotator points out that circulating libraries are venerable institutions in China; while a third, makes a note of the fact that French and Japs are just as common in Peking as in London, and asks how long have they been an established institution in the far East? These are samples of the lighter material of the Hongkong *Notes and Queries*, in which, however, there are numerous queries and answers from scholars and from writers who are adepts in the language and literature of China.

THE TREATY PORTS OF CHINA AND JAPAN.

(*Public Opinion*, March 21, 1868.)

For those who have business relations with China and Japan, this book will be found of great service. The compilation is due to two gentlemen of her Majesty's Consular Service, Messrs Mayers and Denny, and Lieutenant King, R.M.A., and the whole has been edited by Mr Denby and printed at Hongkong. As a specimen of printing from a colonial printing press, the work is very creditably done. The object of the work is to afford a complete guide to the open ports of China and Japan, together with Peking, Yedo, Hongkong and Macao, for the use of travellers, merchants, and residents in general. It is a bulky work, and is illustrated with some thirty rather primitive-looking maps and plans, all of them the work of natives. Indeed, the type of the whole book has been set in great part by Chinese compositors. The information is tolerably complete and is very well arranged, and not a little of it novel and interesting. Details are gone into with much care, and even a list of works, &c., published in China and Japan, involving over four hundred names, is given, the first catalogue of the kind which has been attempted. The "Treaty Ports" is likely to prove of great use to many, and the gentlemen engaged in its production may fairly be complimented upon the way in which they have overcome the numerous difficulties which lay in the way of their success. The work is essentially useful as a work of reference, but as a curiosity it has its value.

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This work is, as the preface states, the first attempt to embody in a comprehensive and accessible form the various important particulars scattered over the many books on China and Japan. The maps are entirely original, and, as the work of Chinese compositors. "The difficulties," says the authors, "to be overcome in editing this work have consequently been much greater than would have been the case had European workmen been employed, and for imperfections in this respect allowance must be solicited." The authors have nothing to apologise for. The work would do credit to English craftsmen.

The book is too voluminous to permit us to enter into a detailed description of its contents. We must, therefore, content ourselves with indicating its more prominent features. It is divided into a number of parts, each of which contains an account of some important Chinese or Japanese city or town, its early history, its situation, size, &c. &c.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

The beautiful mansion of Joseph Bonaparte, at Bordenstown, on the banks of the Delaware, which he filled with choice works of art, a few years after the trees he had planted and the shrubbery he had so tastefully laid out had grown into their highest beauty, passed into the hands of a milkman last week for the inconsiderable sum of \$12,000.

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Saturday, May 2nd, 1868.

At 1400 Cash per Dollar Mevic n.

THESE MUST BE CONSIDERED EXTREME RATES.

Butcher Meat.

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Beef Steak, -	catty	240 200
" Roast, -	"	240 200
" Soup, -	"	140 130
Bullocks' Brains, -	per set	70 55
" Tongue, -	"	400 355
" Heart, -	"	180 180
" Tail, -	each	150 130
" Feet, -	"	70 55
" Tripe (undressed), cty	84	77
" Liver, -	"	81 77
Pork, Leg, -	"	210 180
" Chop, -	"	150 130
" Fat for Lard, -	"	180 170
" Chutney, -	"	85 80
" Feet, -	"	140 120
" Head, -	"	140 120
" Liver, -	"	160 125
Mutton Leg, -	lb.	420 380
" Chop, -	"	420 380
" Shoulder, -	"	300 280
Mutton Liver, -	"	220 200
" Sucking Pig, -	"	230 240
Calves' Head, and Feet, set	550	500
Sheep's Head and Feet, set	550	500
Bacon, English, -	lb.	500 480
" Futehau, -	"	360 320
Hams, Chinese, -	"	360 320
" American, -	"	510 420
" English, -	"	510 420
Kidneys, Bullocks, -	each	35 50
" Pigs, -	"	65 60
" Sheep, -	"	65 60
Sheep's Heart, -	"	65 60
Pigs' Heart, -	"	60 55
Pork Sausages, -	catty	450 400
Goats' Meat, -	"	300 250
" Head and Feet, set,	410	400

Poultry.

Geese, -	catty	224 180
Ducks, -	"	180 155
Teal, -	each	250 225
Turkeys, -	catty	700 650
Pheasants, Cock, -	each	1000 900
" Hen, -	"	800 800
Pigeons, -	"	270 240
Quail, -	"	120 100
Fowls, -	catty	280 220
Capons, -	"	400 330
Hen Eggs, -	dozen	140 130
Duck Eggs, -	"	150 140
Salt Eggs, -	"	170 160
Dried Ducks, -	each	—
Snipe, -	"	—
Partridges, -	"	600 550
Rabbits, -	"	1400 1200
Wild Geese, -	"	—
Wild Ducks, -	"	720 700
Sand Hill Birds, -	"	—
Hill Snipe, -	"	—
Sparrows, -	per doz.	—
Kiao Bird, -	"	—
Wild Pigeons, -	each	180 160

Fish.

Live Fish, -	catty	130 120
Zola, -	"	250 240
Oysters, -	"	180 160
Shrimps, -	"	170 160
Crabs, -	"	160 140
Prawns, -	"	224 200
Lobsters, -	catty	200 180
Frogs, -	"	250 250
Small Turtles, -	"	240 200
Large Turtles, -	"	500 400
Large Fresh Fish, -	"	250 230
Small do., -	"	200 160
Mackerel Small, -	"	80 70
Gongor Eels Small, -	"	40 30
Salt Fish, -	catty	200 120
Small Fish, -	"	70 60
Fresh Scales, -	"	200 180
Canton Salmon, -	"	180 140
Rock Fish, -	"	250 200
Shark Fish, -	"	—
Skate, -	"	180 140
Turbot, -	"	160 140
Gurnet Fish, -	"	170 160
Snakes, -	"	80 70
Fresh Water Fish, -	"	240 200
Snipe Fish, -	"	100 90

A new route from Canada to the Pacific has been projected. It would start from Collingwood, on Georgian Bay, and consist of river and lake navigation for about 2,400 miles out of the entire 3,200 to Vancouver's Island. The Canada Government, it is said, has agreed to open the portion between Lake Superior and Fort Garry, a distance of about 500 miles, of which 300 are navigable, and the Government of British Columbia has agreed to open the remainder of the route through their territory. The cost would be small, and the work, it is said, could be executed in two years. The journey would be accomplished in eighteen days.

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ANNUAL OF A MARRIAGE FOR FUN.

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An English paper indicates a strange analogy between the age of men and the age of ships. Many perih almost at their birth—during the last eight years no less than 1,135 newly built ships having been wrecked in their first voyages, while others, bearing as it were, a charmed life, survive to ninety or a hundred years—there being four on Lloyd's list that are more than one hundred years old.

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<i>Vessel.</i>	<i>At</i>	<i>Flag & Rig.</i>	<i>Tons.</i>	<i>Captain.</i>	<i>Owners.</i>
Fort William	Hongkong	B. sh.	1099	Townsend	P. & O. S. N. Stearn
Mahamoodie	Fuchau	B. bk.	292	Oliver	Jardine, Matheson &
Snipe	Ningpo	B. bk.	341	Green	Jardine, Matheson &
Water Witch	"	B. sh.	427	Lewis	Captain Lewis
Lady Hayes	"	B. bp.	384	Partridge	Jardine, Matheson &
Wellington	"	B. bk.	472	Bennett	David Sassoon Sons &
Pathfinder	{ Ta-kau, } { Formosa }	B. sh.	262		Jardine, Matheson &
Termate	"	B. bk.			Dent & Co

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STEAMERS.							
Adon.	W C Andrews	Brit. str.	812	May	8 P. & O. S. N. Co		
Edin.	W Smith	C. Uni. str.	200	May	5 Captain		
Ellora	W C Murray	Brit. str.	1870	May	6 P. & O. S. N. Co		
Kan Ka Koo	W C Yeaton	Amer. str.	313	March	24 A. Heard & Co	Bombay, &c.	15th, 7 a.m.
Relver	E Bilton	Brit. str.	777	May	6 Jardine, Matheson & Co		
Sawonada	W Jayne	Amer. str.	1892	May	6 A. Heard & Co		
Tigre	W C Bolivia	Feh. str.	1700	April	23 Messageries Imperiales	Shanghai	Immediate
Yesso	W C Ashton	Brit. str.	680	April	22 Douglas Lapraik & Co	Saigon, Suez, &c. in dock	
SAILING VESSELS.							
Alexandra	W Themin	Dan. sch.	196	May	1 John Bird & Co		
Amoy	E C Parkman	Brit. bk.	299	May	2 Thos. Hunt & Co		
Ariel	W C Keay	Brit. sh.	855	May	2 Bosman & Co		
Atrovida	W Biset	Brit. bk.	457	April	6 Rozario & Co	Melbourne and Sydney	
Belled Will	W Looker	Brit. sh.	812	April	16 Douglas Lapraik & Co		
Belvidere	W Howor	Amer. sh.	1321	March	20 Captain		
Benefactress	E Eldred	Amer. bk.	524	April	7 Smith, Archer & Co		
Bertha	W Wagner	Prus. bg.	235	April	20 Wm. Postau & Co		
Bessie	W Simmous	Brit. bk.	562	April	27 Chinese		
Black Prince	W C Inglis	Brit. sh.	750	April	28 Turner & Co		
Bob Tail Nag.	W C Grehann	Brit. sch.	170	May	7 George Holmes		
Carmarthenshire	W Hemsworth	Brit. sh.	812	May	1 Holliday, Wise & Co		
Cary & Jane	W Jansen	Ham. bk.	412	March	7 Bosnjak, Hubener & Co	Cebu	Immediate
Chillingham	W Dunn	Amer. sh.	1012	May	8 A. Heard & Co		
Chinaman	E Dunn	Brit. sh.	667	May	1 Holliday, Wise & Co		
Cintra	W Ravacho	Port. bk.	362	May	5 Rozario & Co		
Cutty Sark	W Moran	Siam. sh.	475	April	28 Chinese		
Dayspring	E Middleton	Brit. bk.	393	March	19 Russell & Co	Melbourne and	Early
Deerfoot	W Carlin	Brit. bk.	409	May	1 Jardine, Matheson & Co	Sney	
Eleanor	W C Ronaldson	Brit. bk.	486	May	1 Douglas Lapraik & Co		
Ellen Hood	W Neill	Amer. sh.	1012	May	8 A. Heard & Co		
Energie	W C Angles	Feh. bk.	278	May	2 Wm. Postau & Co		
Estafette	W Vepkia	Dut. bk.	424	May	8 Borneo Company		
Fiery Cross	Brit. sh.	680	April	13 Jardine, Matheson & Co	Foochow	Early	
Flying Cloud	E Lamont	Brit. bg.	233	May	1 A. Heard & Co		
Geo. Crishaw	E C Alexander	Brit. sh.	670	May	4 Borneo Company		
Henri IV.	W Monillot	Feh. sh.	760	May	7 Order		
Isaac da Costa	W Kallio	Dut. bk.	600	May	2 Bourjau, Hubener & Co		
James Wishart	E Buchanan	Brit. sh.	776	May	7 Arnold Karberg & Co		
Java	W C Anderson	Prus. bk.	309	March	31 Arnold Karberg & Co	Portland	Early
Jeanne Alise	W Moutier	N. Ger. bg.	218	May	11 Order		
Johnanne	E Stegmann	Brit. sh.	1047	March	2 E. Schillhaus & Co	San Francisco	Immediate
John L. Dimmock	W Wenchell	Brit. sh.	1047	March	2 E. Schillhaus & Co		
Leamona	W Steinike	Drem. bk.	300	May	2 E. Schillhaus & Co		
Madras	W Wupper	N. Ger. bk.	209	May	7 Siemens & Co		
Midnight	W Brock	Amer. sh.	838	April	14 Olyphant & Co		
Minerva	W Carreras	Span. bk.	273	May	7 Remedios & Co		
Najaden	W Neilson	Nor. sch.	239	May	2 Jardine, Matheson & Co		
Nellie Abbott	E Jordan	Amer. bk.	432	May	2 Olyphant & Co		
Nou Granada	W Bates	Drem. bk.	380	May	1 E. Schillhaus & Co		
Neville	K Jackson	Brit. sh.	715	Feb.	16 Turner & Co		
Nuevo Constante	W Baros	Span. bg.	250	May	5 Remedios & Co		
Nuuanu	W Hager	Hawa. sch.	150	May	2 Melchers & Co		
Orestes	W Conception	Siam. bk.	381	May	5 Chinese		
Orpheus	E Crowell	Amer. sh.	1067	May	5 Russell & Co		
Osoberie	E Stamper	Brit. bk.	327	May	2 Messageries Imperiales		
Paramatta	W Andrews	Brit. bk.	370	April	16 Russell & Co		
Peiho	W Houde	Brit. bk.	244	May	6 Arnold Karberg & Co		
Peipia	W C O'Hara	Span. bk.	205	May	7 Remedios & Co		
Peruvian	W C Thompson	Amer. sh.	1070	April	14 Pacific Mail S. S. Co		
Piccola	W Krall</						

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y	Cataluna	Escanadilla	Span. str.	361	April	3 Order		
	Danzig	Eldridge	Prus. sch.	289	April	39 Russell & Co		
	Gazelle	Green	N. Ger. bg.	108	May	8 Carlowitz & Co		
	Glenroy	Warr'en	Brit. bk.	387	May	8 Aug. Heard & Co		
ny	Jane Woodburn	McDonald	Brit. bk.	209	May	7 Burness Company		
	Kwik	Lorange	Nor. bg.	181	May	3 Slesman & Co	New York	Early
	Lizzie Allen	Orick	Brit. sch.	300	May	3 Wm. Fuertes & Co		
	Patric	Peters	Span. str.	1200	April	80 Spanish Consul	Manila	
	Providenza	Nastini	Ital. sh.	664	April	27 Remedios & Co		
ny	Sultan	Howard	Brit. bk.	390	May	3 Order		

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Argonaut	Nicholson	Brit. sh.	1072	April 12	London	Jardine, Matheson & Co
Cathrina	Molsen	N. Ger. bk.	340	April 7	Sydney	Nagasaki	Glover & Co
Dilkhooh	Brit. sh.	April 23	London
Emily Flinn	Penoll	Brit. sh.	1009	March 30	Cardiff	Master
Forward Ho	Hossack	Brit. sh.	942	April 23	Liverpool	Gibb, Livingston & Co
Jennie Herbert	Barclay	bk.	538	April 9	Newcastle, S. & W.	A. Shepard & Co
Marcellus	White	Brit. bk.	275	April 13	Newcastle, S. & W.	Charnon, King & Co
Norfolk III	McMillan	Brit. sh.	780	April 6	Sydney	Frazer & Co
Niagara	Moridi	Foh. bk.	743	April 11	Sydney	Frazer & Co
Pekin	Seymour	Amer. bk.	555	April 10	San Francisco	Hongkong	Olyphant & Co

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